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After July 7, the address of C. E. French, Missionary to Peru, will be Cantwell, Missouri, c/o Mrs. Edith Brown,



The Church of God in Great Falls, Montana, is located at 1012 1st Avenue, Northwest, two blocks from the city bus stop. Brother Ralph E. Northrup, pastor, extends a hearty invitation to all service personnel passing through or stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls. He may be contacted by telephone-2-0208.



Miss Shelvy J Hendren is now available for full-time evangelistic work. She may be contacted by writing c/o Nevel Hendren, Route 1, Ripley, Tennessee.



The New England States' Camp Meeting will convene July 23-29 at the campground in Appleton, Maine. Vep Ellis will be the night speaker.



The Delaware-D. C.-Maryland Camp Meeting will convene July 16-22 at the campground in Hurlock, Maryland. Vep Ellis will be the night speaker and W. E. Tull will be the Bible teacher.



The Western Canada Camp Meeting will convene July 17-22 at Estevan. C. R. Spain will be the night speaker.



The Iowa Camp Meeting will convene July 18-22 at the local church in Jefferson. Ray Hughes will be the guest speaker.

COVER PICTURE

The beautiful new Church of God in Tucson, Arizona, shown on the front cover as planned and completed, is an example of the good work of expansion which is being done in the Southwest. This new structure is valued at \$110,000 and is the fruit of the labors of Pastor James E. Bower and his fine congregation. The church was dedicated on May 6, 1956.

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WE BELIEVE DECLARATION OF FAITH

- WE BELIEVE

 1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Pather as the Intercessor.
 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
 5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
 7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.

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 9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.

 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saint's feet, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.

 14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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ARIZONA

By C. W. COLLINS State Overseer

T IS INDEED A GREAT pleasure to report for such an up-and-coming State as Arizona. The ministers and members have been fine to work with and have been very faithful to their duty for Christ and His church in order that the following could be accomplished.

The following statistics are from September 1, 1952, through April, 1956, covering a period of three years and eight months.

Number homes visited--37,844 Number sermons preached--10,874

Number saved--2,525 Number sanctified--1,075

Number baptized with Holy Ghost--903

Number baptized in water--675

Number added to the Church--826, giving us a net gain of 478

State membership is now 1,078 Number of churches in state--23 Number of Sunday Schools--23

Number of Y.P.E.'s--23

Number new churches organized--8 Number of new church buildings--8 Number of church buildings purchased--3

Number of new parsonages--5

Number of apartments built to churches for pastor's living quarters--3

The missions, orphanage, aged ministers' offerings, and the tithes have had a gradual increase each year. The L.W.W.B.'s have made a remarkable increase also. Our property value has increased more than ten times that of the year of 1952. Every church in the state has built a church, parsonage, Sunday School rooms, remodeled or done something in this respect, except one; and, recently, it purchased a beautiful lot in a fine location and hopes to start a building soon. Every church has a uniform church sign hanging in its churchyard. We have placed a copy of Like a Mighty Army in each county and college library throughout the State. Our unity, fellowship and cooperation have been almost perfect; we give God all the glory for this harmony. The overseer who is appointed over the State of Arizona at the next General Assembly will find a group of as hard working, cooperative ministers and members as he ever could be privileged to meet.

History

For many years, the State of Arizona was in the group of states made up of Arizona, California, and Nevada. During that time little attention could be given (Continued on page 10)



Phoenix (44th Street), Arizona



South Phoenix, Arixona



Glendale, Arizona



Ontario, California



Baldwin Park, California



Santa Ana, California

CALIFORNIA

By RALPH E. WILLIAMS

State Overseer

ALIFORNIA, LAND OF DESERT sunshine and towering mountains, is happy to report good news, for God is blessing and thousands have been to Calvary who had never heard the beautiful story of redemption before. Approximately, six hundred revivals have been conducted since the last Assembly with 5,090 conversions, 1,890 sanctified, and 1,558 receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Six hundred and nine bornagain believers have been blessed by the experience of water baptism. We have had a net increase in membership of 836, making a total of 3,519 members, and have organized 5 new churches. California has 74 churches, with a number of missions soon to be organized. There are 82 Sunday Schools, and 77 Y.P.E.'s teaching the Word of Life to the teeming population of this great State. Our youth program has made great strides in every department and we rejoice in having the services of Brother Paul LaVerne Walker as our youth leader.

California has the privilege of sending its teen-agers and young ministers to a Church of God High School called "West Coast Bible School." This institution is located in Fresno, and the 1955-56 term has been its greatest year in attendance, conversions, and progress. The entire State is well represented with the largest number of Church of God boys and girls enrolled in its history. The West Coast Bible School Choir has made appearances in various parts of the State, with singing that is second to none in preparation, presentation, and anointing. A competent teaching staff under the able leadership of our state youth director has been instrumental in giving to the youth of this State a vision that will be a flame of fire to their local churches.

Our State Headquarters has been moved to Fresno, due to its central location and a new parsonage with a five-room state office. It will be ready for occupancy within the next six weeks. Our tithes and missions and orphanage offerings have seen a remarkable increase. Four new church buildings have been dedicated, and more are under construction.

While California is known to the world at large for its glitter and pomp, movie stars and fabulous night spots, we, of the Church of God, can say that California is experiencing a much greater phenomenon—that of the moving of the Spirit of God in a mighty way. The sick are made well; wounded souls receive balm for their spirits, and sinners are made new men in Jesus Christ, our Lord. This is only the beginning, for we are working for, and expecting the greatest revival, in the coming months, that this State has ever known. With ministers

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Progress in the

"Land of Enchantment"

(New Mexico)

By BRADY DENNIS State Overseer

OME WAS NOT BUILT IN A DAY" could well be applied to the Church of God work in the State of New Mexico. Little by little, each overseer, minister, member, and friend has played his part in seeing the work of the Lord move forward in the "Land of Enchantment." Despite the facts that our State is sparsely populated, the towns and cities are many, many miles apart; and that we are now in the eighth year of drought, God has graciously blessed the Church of God in gaining a firm foothold.

Since coming into the State in September, 1952, we have seen God work in many wonderful and miraculous ways. He has blessed our churches spiritually, supplied workers and finance, and increased our church membership, as well as our Y.P.E. and Sunday School attendance.

MISSION MINDED

Our people have given an average of approximately \$3,000 annually for the mission cause. The largest mission offering ever to be raised in the State was in 1953 in the amount of \$3,751.76, with a membership at that time of approximately 500.

LEE COLLEGE

New Mexico has always been outstanding in the number of students attending Lee. This year, we have had 6 students for each semester according to recent correspondence from President Carroll.

BUILDING PROGRAM

A tremendous property improvement has been achieved. With better churches and parsonages, we will have a greater opportunity to reach more people for Christ and the Church. God has blessed us with 7 church buildings (built or purchased), plus 2 completely remodeled. Thirteen parsonages and dwellings have been built or purchased. This includes the new state parsonage. Besides this, 3 parsonages have had major remodelings. All of the property throughout the State has been improved. Our parsonages, as a rule, are nicely furnished, as well as our churches. Every church has a parsonage except one new church; and we hope to have a parsonage there before the Assembly. We now have 17 churches, plus a thriving mission which will soon be organized. This will make 4 new churches since the General Assembly.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

The Executive Committee has been very kind to us in helping financially toward starting new projects. This (Continued on page 10)



Roswell, New Mexico



Carlsbad, New Mexico



New Mexico State Parsonage in Albuquerque

46th GENERAL ASSEMBLY. OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

Memphis, Tennessee, August 14-19, 1956

NOTE: CLARIDGE AND KING COTTON ARE FILLED

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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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Single—bath			\$ 3.50
Double—double beds, bath Double—twin	3.50	to	5.00
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Vice-President and G —272 S. Main St. at	enera	l M	anager
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Single \$	4.00	to	\$ 7.50
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Rooms for 4	3.00	per	person
Suite—living			

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Rooms for 4 3.00 per person Suite—living room, bedroom 10.00 to 35.00 All rooms with bath 100 per cent air-conditioned rooms

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Director—109 N. Main	n St.	at	Adams
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Double—double bed	6.00	to	14.00

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TV every room; completely airconditioned; free overnight parking

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Single, connect-			
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Double-bath	5.50	to	6
Single—hot and			
cold water	2.75		
Double-hot and			
cold water	4.00		
Single-without			
bath	2.25		
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*KING Manager 200 room	COTTON, —69 Jeffer	John rson A	R. ve.	Ma at I	nser, Front.

Single bath	\$ 4.75	to	\$ 8.75
Double—double			
bed, bath	6.75	to	10.00
Double—twin			
beds, bath	8.00	to	14.75
Single—connect-			
ing shower	3.75		
Double—double			
bed, connecting			

shower 5.75
Suite—twin beds 26.50
Combination parlor and bedroom 10.00 to 14.00

room 10.00 to 14.00
One rate, NO EXTRAS
Rate of every room includes 21-inch
TV, radios with Muzak, running ice
water, overnight garage storage, yearround air-conditioning, and these recial services: washcloths, kleenex, ball
point pens, pin cushions, shoe shine
cloths, shower caps for the ladies

*PARKVIEW, Edward M. Knoff, Manager—1914 Poplar Avenue. 400 rooms. Single \$ 5.00 to \$ 7.00

Double—double	\$ 5.00	10	\$ 1.00
beds	7.00	to	9.00
Double—twin beds	7.00	to	9.00
Kitchen apart-	11.00	to	25.00
Monthly rates quoted on appli-			

quoted on application. All rooms apartments with individual dressing rooms. All outside rooms.

outside rooms.
Completely air-conditioned

*PEABODY, F. R. Schutt, General Manager—149 Union at Second Street. 625 rooms. Single \$4.50 to \$11.00

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	Double—twin

bed	6.50	to	14.0
Double-twin		••	
beds	9.00	to	15.0
Suites—1 person	15.00	to	32.0
			35.0
	2.50		
All rooms with co			tub
and showe	er hath		

and shower bath
No additional charge for airconditioning

*TENNESSEE, J. L. Adler,	Man	ager—
Third at Union. 200 rooms. Single \$3.00 Double rooms—	to	\$ 6.00
double	to	7.00
twin beds 6.00		7.00
All rooms with ba Air-conditioned rooms of during season		ional

*WILLIAM LEN, Arch P. Pickens, Manager—110 Monroe Ave. at Main. 250 rooms.

Single	\$	3.50	to	\$	5.25
Double-double	*	5.00	to	*	7.25
Double—twin					
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MOTELS AND RATES

BEL-AIR MOTEL, Bob and Lorrane Haynes, Owners—1850 South Bellevue Blvd., U.S. Highway 51, South—(17 rooms—6 kitchenettes) Single—double

bed	\$ 3	.00	to	\$ 6.00
Double—double bed	4	.00	to	7.00
Double—twin	5	.00	to	7.00
3 persons per unit	5	.00	to	8.00
4 persons per unit		.00	to	9.00

CASEY'S MOTEL, W. L. Casey, Manager—1585 South Bellevue Blvd., U. S. Highway 51, South—(15 units, all airconditioned)

1 person\$	5.00	to	\$ 6.00
Double-1 bed	6.00	to	7.00
Double—2 beds	7.00	to	8.00
3 persons	8.00	to	9.00
4 persons	9.00		10.00
Radios or television	ns:	babu	beds
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Member of AAA, Tenn	. Mo	tel A	ssocia-
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GEORGE VINCENT MOTEL, V. V. Du- pratt, Owner; George V. Dupratt, Manager—855 Union Avenue	2-room kitchen- ette, all linens furnished—4	Free parking, no tipping; (member) United Motor Courts
Single—bath \$ 8.00 \$ Double—bath 8.00	persons 30.00 per week Cottage (living	SILVER HORSE SHOE MOTEL, J. L. Conaway, Manager — 4508 Summer
HOLIDAY INN HOTEL COURTS 4941 Summer Avenue, Highways 64,	room, kitchen, bedroom, dinette, tub and shower, garage and choice	Avenue, U.S. Highways 70, 64, 79, East City Limits 1 person \$\text{4.00}\$ 2 persons—1 bed 5.00
70, 79, Walker Gray, Manager Features: Swimming Pool Bridal Suite, \$8.00	of beds) 32.00 and 37.00 Television sets and radios available, Also baby sitters	(connecting rooms) 3 persons—1 room 6.00 (for large families)
2300 S. Bellevue, Highway 51, South, Mr. and Mrs. Valley Hull, Managers Features: Free sample rooms by re-	All accommodations are air- conditioned except four small rooms	4 persons—1 room 7.00 2 persons—twin beds 6.00
quest 980 S. 3rd Street, Highway 61, Jack Scheibler, Manager	REBEL MOTEL, Sam O'Dell, Owner; Mrs. Fred Groves, Manager—3466 La- mar Avenue, U.S. Highway 78	Air-conditioned rooms \$1.00 extra TOWN PARK MOTOR HOTEL, A. E
Features: World's finest highway ho- tel with full convention fa- cilities—Holiday Room, Car-	Single beds \$4.00 Double beds 5.00 Double—twin	Prescott, Manager—875 Pennsylvania Avenue (East End Memphis-Arkansas Bridge on E. H. Crumpt Blvd.) U.S. Bridge on E. G. 26 4 70 70 150 recovery
ibbean Room, pleasure eat- ing, gift shop, sample rooms, drug store, liquor store, bar-	beds 6.00 Double—double 8.00 Suite 12.00 2 adjoining	Highways 61, 63, 64, 70, 79, 150 rooms and suites Singles
ber shop and beauty salon. 4022 U.S. Highway 51 (North), Mrs. Fred McDonald, Manager	rooms 10.00 Extra person 1.00 Air-conditioned rooms \$1.00 per day	bed 8.00 to 9.00 Doubles—twin beds 9.00 to 11.00
Features: Free sample rooms Single—1 double bed 1 person \$ 5.00	additional during season ROSE TOURIST COURT, J. K. Wad-	Doubles—2 double beds 10.00 to 11.00 Sultes (some suites
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ANY LETTERS OF inquiry have been received relative to the tithing system of the Church. Some are seeking information; others are criticizing the entire financial program or various phases of it. Few, if any, ever give any scriptural reference for their views. Some feel that it is very unfair for one to be forced to pay tithes and another be exempt. They get disturbed because they think some minister doesn't pay tithes. Some seem to feel that paying tithes is a penalty that God has put on everyone. They seem to forget the entire purpose of tithing. They think that it is altogether unfair for an evangelist to pay tithes and the pastor or some other minister to get by without it.

God does not require people to pay tithes to punish them, or to penalize them, or to exact something from them. Paying tithes is not a tax, but God has ordained that everyone is entitled to a living. To Adam it was by the sweat of his brow; to the minister, they who

preach the gospel shall live of the gospel.

When the children of Israel crossed over Jordan, God ordered that each tribe should be given an inheritance except the Levites (or preachers) who should live of the tithe of the land. The only reason the people were required to pay tithes was so that the Levites (or preachers) could live. The purpose of paying tithes is only to support God's work or the Church. Under the Law the people brought the tithes to the storehouse where the Levites were paid, but the Levites (or preachers) who received tithes paid tithes. To whom? Back into the treasury from whence he received it just so it could be said that he paid tithes? No, but to the high priest so he could live. To whom did the high priest pay tithes? To no one. Why? Because he was the last one to be supplied. God only requires tithing to support the ministry. When that need is supplied, He demands no more.

The teaching of the Church of God is based on the Scripture. The people pay tithes into the local church for the support of the ministry. The local church pays tithes to general headquarters, called the tithe of the tithes, for the support of the general officials. The remaining 90 per cent remains in the local treasury for the support of the pastor and evangelist, including the state overseer. How much goes to the state overseer or state treasury? The ministers have agreed "that an equal amount" or the same amount that is sent to headquarters

be sent to the state treasury.

There seems to be a feeling among some that all of the money coming into the local church treasury should belong to the local church pastor. If so, there would be no support for the general church and we could have only local, independent churches. Not only that, but most of the pastors did not organize the churches where they are pastoring. They may be pastoring a church that some other minister organized and turned over to them. Furthermore, it may be that the minister who organized the church is now old and unable to preach, but is still entitled to some of the fruits of his labor, which he now receives, because 10 per cent of the tithes is set aside for aged ministers' pension fund.

Inasmuch as the Bible requires that the Levite who received tithes pay tithes, the Church requires all ministers to tithe. A minister's ministerial license may be revoked if he fails to pay tithes. In order to see that every minister complies with the Biblical demand, the Church has gone so far as to request the local

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church clerks to take a tenth of all tithes coming into their treasury and send it to headquarters. Thereby, none can say that some of the local pastors are not tithing; nor can they accuse them of sending in only a part of the tithes. This rule has kept down much criticism and misunderstanding. No pastor can be accused of holding back a part of his tithes.

The money that the preacher receives which has not been tithed, such as offerings, money from secular work, etc., should be tithed and sent to the local church or

general headquarters.

Ministers who receive money from a tithe fund do not tithe it again. Those who are not ministers should tithe their income regardless of the source from which

they receive it.

Some local churches do not receive enough tithes to support their pastor, so the church must supplement him from free will offerings or other sources, or he may have to work at secular work to support his family. Since his income from these sources has not been tithed, he pays tithes on it.

Some churches receive more than enough to support their pastor, and the surplus is used for the support of the ministry as may be decided by the state overseer, pastor and church. It may go to evangelists, needy pastors or the support of pastors in new fields. "And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance . . . ," Numbers 18:21.

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State Treasury

The amount of money sent to the state treasury in many states is not sufficient to support the state overseer and he must be supplemented from other sources. In some states it is more than sufficient. It may not only pay the state overseer his salary, but also office and traveling expense, also the state youth director and state secretary and treasurer. After the state overseer and state youth director have been paid, the surplus is used to supplement the income of underpaid pastors and evangelists. Last year more than \$165,000 was paid to underpaid ministers from state funds.

Tithe of Tithes Coming to Headquarters

The tithe of tithes coming to headquarters is used for the support of the general officials at headquarters and the ministry in general. At the present time our records show the following:

Twenty-five per cent of all tithes coming to headquarters is set aside in a separate fund to be used for the support of home missions, or for the support of states whose income is not sufficient to pay its operational expense. Approximately ten per cent of this twentyfive per cent is used to pay the salary of state overseers, their traveling expense, moving expense, etc. in the mission states. Fifteen per cent of this amount is used for evangelism in these states. It pays the moving expense of ministers to the state and supplements the income of evangelists and underpaid pastors.

Ten per cent of the tithes coming to headquarters is set aside for the benefit of aged ministers to pay pensions and supplement the income of our retired ministers.

Three per cent goes to assist disabled ministers who become inactive in the ministry.

Two per cent goes for widows of deceased ministers who have no other means of support.

Three per cent goes to provide an insurance plan for ministers which at the present time, with a small monthly premium from them, provides each minister with a \$4,000 insurance policy.

Fifteen per cent is set aside for an educational program to educate our youth and prepare young people for the ministry. It is divided among our schools in Cleveland, Tennessee; Minot, North Dakota; Estevan, Canada; Fresno, California; and South Africa.

Twelve and one-fourth per cent was used last year for expansion which was applied to the cost of enlarging our general offices at headquarters.

Nine per cent was used for paying the salaries and traveling expenses of the General Executive Committee. It paid the salaries of the General Overseer, the two Assistant General Overseers, the General Secretary-Treasurer, and the Editor-in-Chief; also their traveling expense and the upkeep of their homes.

Eight per cent was used for the expense incurred in the General Secretary-Treasurer's department, such as salaries for the secretaries, bookkeepers and clerks; also other expenses, such as postage, printing, office supplies, ministers' and clerks' report books, telephone, telegraph, legal expense, janitor's salary and supplies, maintenance of lights, water and fuel for the general offices.

Four per cent was appropriated for board meeting expense, delegates to conventions, Supreme Council meetings, the General Assembly expense, donations to the American Bible Society for distribution of Bibles, donations to the National Association of Evangelicals, the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, the Red Cross, Community Chest, etc.

Four and three-fourths per cent was used for the support of the National Youth Department and its promotional program, such as paying the salaries of the National Youth Director's assistant, secretaries and office force, including their expenses and underwriting the expenses incurred in regional youth conventions and other meetings.

The remaining four per cent was used for emergencies and miscellaneous purposes, which included insurance on properties owned by the General Church, equipment for offices, special appropriations and emergency loans.

From July 1, 1955, to January 25, 1956, the general fund helped support nineteen state overseers in nonself-supporting states. It spent \$75,000 helping local churches to get started in places where they could not get help otherwise. It appropriated \$25,000 to underpaid pastors and evangelists in the mission states. It paid \$65,000 to aged ministers, disabled ministers, and ministers' widows. It paid \$58,700 to Lee College, Northwest Bible School, West Coast Bible School, International Bible College in Western Canada, and Berea Bible Seminary in South Africa. It paid \$23,000 for ministers' group insurance.

THE CHURCH OF GOD IN ARIZONA

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to the State by the overseer because it was in such a vast territory. The first church organized in the State was South Phoenix, late in 1920. It was followed by one at Bisbee early in 1930; later followed East Phoenix, late in 1930. Tucson and Mesa were organized in 1940 and 1941. These churches did not gain to the proportion of fully supporting a pastor for several years. The churches had a difficult time keeping pastors. Sometimes they would have two or more changes during one year. In 1941, Arizona was separated from California and Nevada and Brother C. C. Rains was appointed as overseer of the State. He secured a State parsonage in Phoenix. Because of close oversight and ministers who came into the state with a missionary vision, there were other churches organized during Brother Rains' ministry here-East Washington Street (now Forty-fourth Street), Clifton, Peoria (now Glendale), Prescott (later disbanded) and Winslow. In 1943, (September) Brother O. C. Crank was appointed as overseer. Under his administration the following churches were organized: Coolidge, Globe (later disbanded) and Douglas (now Mexican Church). The churches in the state increased until at least three were able to support a full-time minister.

In 1946 (September) Brother John E. Douglas was appointed as overseer. Under Brother Douglas' four-year administration the churches were strengthened to the place where most of them had their own church buildings, and at least four had some kind of parsonages or living quarters in the church buildings for the pastors and their families. Also, the following churches were organized: Sunnyslope, Casa Grande (later disbanded), Central Heights (later disbanded), and Eloy.

In 1950, Brother Y. W. Kidd was appointed to the state. Under his administration, the churches were strengthened considerably and improvements were made throughout the State. The South West Church was organized and a new parsonage was built. Chandler was organized and a dwelling house purchased; two rooms of which were used for a mission hall after the partitions were removed.

In 1952, Brother C. W. Collins was appointed as overseer of the State. Since his coming to the State, all churches have been greatly strengthened and many property improvements have been made throughout the state. The following churches have been organized: North Twenty-third Avenue, Phoenix, Fry, Yuma, Globe, Tempe, East Tucson, Queen Creek and Casa Grande. We have a mission at Tucsonita which we expect to organize soon.



GOOD NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA

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who work in fellowship and harmony, and laity who put the Kingdom of God first in their lives, the victory will be won. Thanks be to God!

HISTORY

As early as the year of 1913, evangelistic efforts were made in and around Los Angeles, California. However, it was not until early in 1920 that a Church of God was established in Baldwin Park, a small town near the city of Los Angeles. This little church became the Mother Church in this state and was for many years the only church in this area. On the surface, the Church of God seemed to make slow progress, suffering many hardships, but the membership in Baldwin Park remained faithful and conducted evangelistic efforts to enlarge their borders.

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Brother J. H. Ingram came West in 1929 and immediately organized a church in Long Beach, another town near Los Angeles. Churches in the southern part of California began to spread, and a number of organized churches and missions came into being within a hundred-mile radius of Baldwin Park. By the end of 1930, California had eighteen churches; they had reached the central part of the state, the first church in this section being in Tulare, California. The Church of God spread rapidly in this vicinity and a large number of churches reaching to the northern tip of the state were set in order.

The following years saw a number of able, competent leaders, and a steady, solid increase of church membership, in spite of many setbacks. During the past ten years, California has seemed to burst forth as radiant as the sun, and gains have been phenomenal and out-

At this writing, seventy-four churches carry the banner of the Church of God, and a number of missions are open to all who will enter and believe. This great State is just beginning to get her breath, and we feel, as the queen felt after visiting Solomon, the half has never yet been told of the good things that have been accomplished for the Kingdom of God in this Western State. California is rising; her star is ascending and we, who know her, firmly believe that she will be the leading State for the Church of God in the coming years.



PROGRESS IN THE "LAND OF ENCHANTMENT"

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has been made possible by all who pay tithes into their local churches, for 10 per cent of the tithes go to General Headquarters. Out of the 10 per cent which goes to General Headquarters 25 per cent is earmarked for mission territories. Thus, New Mexico was able to move forward into new sections of the State where the Church of God had never been organized. Without help many of the projects would have been impossible. Thanks to all of you who played a part in the work in New Mexico.

PICTURES

ROSWELL CHURCH

On Christmas Eve morning, December, 1953, fire completely destroyed the Roswell church. However, the church, under the supervision of Brother O. E. Wright, pastor at that time, was blessed in securing a much better location for erecting the beautiful church building shown here. Brother R. R. Seyda is the present pastor.

CARLSBAD CHURCH

The attractive cinder block church shown on page 5 is located on a corner lot. It has five Sunday School rooms, a willing workers' kitchen, and an auditorium. On Easter Sunday, the Carlsbad Church broke all records of at-

tendance with 168 present. Plans are now being made for the construction of a Sunday School annex. Brother Aubuary R. Mitchell is the present pastor.

STATE HEADQUARTERS

The State has moved its headquarters from Roswell to Albuquerque, in order to more centralize the office and strengthen the work in the northwestern section. The new state parsonage is of brick construction. It has four bedrooms, one bath and a three-quarters bath, a large living room, a kitchen, a laundry room, an office, and a garage. (See picture.)

The State also owns the former state parsonage in Roswell, as well as a four-room stone veneer house, which are rented, thus financing the new State Headquarters project.

REVIVALS, YOUTH CAMP, CAMP MEETING

The Lord has smiled upon us with many good revivals. We have had great spiritual outpourings in our annual camp meetings and in New Mexico's first two youth camps.

To God we give all honor and praise for that which has been accomplished.

FLEMING

Sister Nannie Fronia Fleming, who had been a faithful member of the Church of God for 25 years, passed away at the age of 75 on September 8, 1955, at McLain, Mississippi. She is survived by 3 sons and 5 daughters.—Mrs. Clarence Merrill, Jr.

HARPER

On September 6, 1955, Sister Oudia Harper departed this life to be with Jesus. She was a member of the Church of God in Lamesa, Texas. She loved the Church with all her heart. During her long illness she witnessed for the Lord. At the time of her death she had moved to Carlsbad, New Mexico. I am sure those good people miss her as we do here. Her testimony was the preacher's message at her funeral.—Mrs. Eunice Goolsby.

JEFFERY

Brother Pat Jeffery, age 58, a beloved member of the Church of God in Mill Creek, West Virginia, went to be with Jesus on March 24, 1956. When we think of Brother Pat's Christian life, we are reminded of the Scripture, "Blesssed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth," Matthew 5:5. He possessed a quiet and humble spirit and was a very faithful worker in the church. Funeral services were conducted by Brother W. G. Spangler, pastor of the Mill Creek Church. Brother Jeffery is survived by his wife, Honor; a son, Charles, of the U. S. Air Force; and a vast number of friends. Brother Pat's testimony in word and his consecrated Christian living will linger in our hearts as well as memorles of his great faith in God. May we all remain "faithful unto death" so that we can live through eternity with Christians like Brother Jeffery who have gone on to their reward.—Tom Winters, Clerk.

FINLEY

Sister Wilda Finley, age 52, was called away from this life May 19, 1956. She had been a member of the Oppy, Kentucky, Church of God for about four years. She was a well-



loved sister and a worker who was always willing and ready to do anything she could for God and the Church. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Brother Ola Stepp. We truly believe Sister Finley was a real child of God. She has just gone to heaven to stay with Him, and we will see her again some day.—Laura Stepp.

WEBSTER

Brother J. C. Webster, retired ordained minister of the Church of God, departed this life on May 4, 1956, at the age of 86 years. Most of his work was done in Mississippi, Texas and Arkansas where he was a faithful worker for the Lord. He not only preached to congregations but to anyone with whom he had a chance to talk he loved to talk about the Lord. He was stricken about a year and a half before his death, but he bore his suffering with patience. The funeral services were conducted in the Joseph Chapel Church of God at Cleveland, Mississippi on May 6 with his pastor, Brother C. L. Griffith, Brother T. M. McClendon, and Brother M. C. Cockrell officiating. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Delia Webster of Shaw, Mississippi; two daughters, Mrs. L. N. Baker of Shaw, Mississippi, and Mrs. A. E. Sims of Cleveland, Mississippi; three sons, A. W. Webster of Jacksonville, Florida, and O. W. Webster of Shaw, Mississippi; one brother of Sunset, Texas; a large number of grandchildren and great grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. Interment was in the Ruleville Cemetery where his body was laid to rest to await the resurrection morning when the dead in Christ shall rise. Although he will be sadly missed by all, we know our loss is heaven's gain.—Mrs. O. W. Webster.

FAIRCLOTH-LUCAS

The Aaron, Georgia, Church of God misses the smiles of Bessie Faircloth who departed from our midst December 16, 1955, and Rosa Lee Lucas who departed on May 29, 1956, to go on to be with the One in whom they had their trust. These, our sisters, had lived wonderful lives, having received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost a number of years ago. Sister Faircloth was laid to rest in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, and Sister Lucas at Paynes Chapel Cemetery, with their pastor, A. L. Williams officiating. After suffering for weeks, we feel as if they now are enjoying rest.—Mrs. Willie Finch.

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DURGIN

Our beloved Sister Martha Durgin departed this body of clay and went to be with Jesus whom she loved so much, on November 25, 1955. She was a consecrated Christian. Her one and only desire was to be like Jesus and to be ready at all times for His coming. I had the pleasure of being with her a great deal. Never was her conversation light or chaffy, but always she was speaking of Jesus. She was a blessed counselor. During the last eleven years of her life she was an invalid in a wheel chair, unable to attend the Church of God of which she was a member for more than fifty years. Although afflicted, she was always a blessing to those who visited her. As one walked in her room, she would raise her hands and praise God, and the Holy Ghost would witness. Even though she was 86 years old, until the last she made quilts to be sold for God's work. Her children can truly call her blessed for she left a wonderful heritage to them. I can just imagine that her glad soul, as it took its flight, freed from all pain, shouted back to this earth, "Oh, death, where is thy sting? Oh, grave, where is thy victory?" We are looking forward to the great meeting in the air when we shall see her again. Her precious body was laid to rest in the Chickamauga Cemetery in Chickamauga, Georgia, to await the coming of Jesus. Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Ollie Brannon and Mrs. D. N. Carden; and one son, Sillas Durgin, all of Chickamauga.—Mrs. Silla Hollingsworth.





PARIS, TEXAS, HAS NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANT AND PARSONAGE

The top picture shows the beautiful Sunday School plant as a left wing to the church auditorium at Paris. You will also notice the large car port built for the convenience during bad weather. This Sunday School plant consists of a pastor's study, 5 Sunday School rooms, and a large room which is used by the Ladies' Willing Workers' Band and for general fellowship purposes as well as for a Sunday School room. It is needless to say this Sunday School annex has added thousands of dollars to the value of the property.

The Sunday School record was broken on the day of dedication, February 26, with an attendance of 337.



Lord Is Blessing Financially and Spiritually

SHANNON, Ga.—We would like to sound a note of praise for the way God is blessing us here. We thank Him for sending our pastor, Brother D. E. Kilby, and Sister Kilby to us. In the last year we have paid a number of our small debts and the side note on the church also. The power of God has been present in our services in a great way. A number prayed through, and were added to the Church, recently. Pray that God will continue to bless us in His work.—Mrs. Elbert Hamilton.

Sunday School Contest in Farner

FARNER, Tenn.—We, the Church of God at Farner, wish to report how God is blessing us. Since coming here in February, every department of the church has grown. We have just closed a Sunday School contest. When the contest began, we were averaging about 25 in attendance each Sunday. On May 13, we had our largest crowd with 73 in attendance. Our Sunday School is still doing fine, and we are having wonderful services. God is blessing in each service. Pray for us.—Henry J. Smith, Pastor.

Standing on the steps of the parsonage at 1359 Bonham Street, is the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Gilbert. who are telling you by their expression that they are very happy over the purchase of this beautiful spacious 6-room parsonage so conveniently located to the church. —Church reporter.

Sunday School Record Broken at Home-coming

LEXINGTON, N. C.—We had our home-coming on June 3 and broke all records in Sunday School attendance with 232 present. We also had the largest Sunday School offering and home-coming offering the church has ever had. We are having some wonderful healings in our church. "The Lord has done great things for us; where-of we are glad," Psalm 126:3.—Dod Wilbanks, Pastor.

Healed of Growth in Side

GARY, Ind.—I praise God for healing me of an affliction which I had for about two years. It was a heavy feeling in my lower left side that gave me trouble and caused me to be sick most of the time. Over a year ago I had an X-ray, and the doctor said that I had a growth. He wanted to operate, but I refused. My husband kept begging me to have the operation, so, on May 29, I entered the hospital against my will. I could not sleep or eat, so I promised God that I would not have the operation if He would help me to get out of the hospital. On Friday morning, June 1, I got my release and came home, standing on the promise of God that He would take care of me. On Saturday morning, after cleaning the house, I got in bed and started to pray. I sent for Sister Cunningham, who lived close by, and together with my husband and two children (9 and 12 years old) I began to pray for God to deliver me. He came on the scene and did the work. We all saw it done, and I praise God for it. It is wonderful what God can do for us if we will let Him. I praise Him for the many times He has healed me and my family. I also praise Him for our pastor, Brother W. D. Johnson, and his family and for the church which stood behind me in prayer through my illness.—Mrs. Gladys Milligan. Attested by W. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Lady Gloriously Saved and Healed

WARREN, Ohio—Mrs. Neoma Gilbert, of Cambridge, Ohio, my sister, came to Warren to visit me. She went with me to church one night where Wanda June Thomas was holding a revival. She went to the altar and was gloriously saved. Also, she was prayed for, and God healed her. She had had two strokes from high blood pressure and could not bend over. She had the symptons of cancer of the colon. When she returned home and went to her doctor for X-rays, he said her body was like that of a twenty-year-old girl and that she was in perfect health. Since that time she has received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. She is 66 years old and the mother of 13 children. She gives God all the praise for her marvelous healing. — Daisy Pettay, her sister and a member of the Warren, Ohio, Church of God; A. W. Ellington, Pastor.

Missionary Healed in Cuba

COTORRO, HAVANA, Cuba—When we went to the Virgin Islands as missionaries in March, 1951, I suffered every day with terrible depressive headaches. Because of this condition,



I found myself almost useless in the services. I prayed many times that the Lord would heal me, but I felt no relief. One morning, I anointed my head with oil, went in a private room, and there I communed with the Lord until healing came. I gave the Lord many praises and promised Him that I would witness to the folks on the Island and also to the Evangel readers. From that day until now I have not had one trace of this affliction. This is just one of the many incidents in which the Lord has confirmed His Word in my life.—Lola Molina, Missionary.

Condition Improved by Prayer and Anointed Cloth

BURDINE, Ky. — I received an anointed cloth from the Church of God Headquarters' chapel service, and I want to praise the Lord because I feel much better. I thank Him for His good healing power.—Laura Mullins.

Kidney Infection Healed

GARY, Ind.—I thank the Lord for His goodness to me and praise Him for healing my body. For six years, I was treated for kidney infection and only recently came from the hospital where I had been confined for 19 days. The doctors treated my kidney, but it did not respond to treatment. They also made a test for tubercular kidney. I do not know the result of the test, as it was to take six weeks for it to be complete; however, I do know it would have had to be removed if the Lord had not healed me. Also, I had a hernia and it was healed. Our church entered a healing revival with Brother and Sister Miller after I was discharged from the hospital, but I was not able to attend. My husband came home from a Saturday-night service and told me he had mentioned my condition to Sister Miller after the service. Sister Miller told him that during the prayer line the Lord had showed her a woman with an infected kidney whom He wanted to heal. She told him to bring me the next day to the special afternoon-healing service. My husband helped me to get ready, and he carried me to the church. As soon as Sister Miller laid hands on me

and prayed, God slew me with His wonderful power and instantly healed me. I have not been back to the doctor to see how the test came out, for I am healed. We also praise God for His wonderful salvation and the way He keeps us. Also, we praise God because my husband was healed during this revival. In 1952, when we lived in Alabama, I had an operation and was dead on the operating table for five minutes. I was at the point of death for almost five weeks. The people of the Sumiton Church of God, where we were members, began praying and telling others to pray. God saw fit to spare me. The doctors said that I could not live unless God undertook for me, and he did not expect me to live after I went back home. Praise His holy name! He has spared me to live for Him. We love Him above everything else and have a burning desire to serve Him and to do His will.—Mrs. Archie Allen.

Heart Trouble and Rupture Healed

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—I thank and praise the Lord for the miracle He performed for me. He healed me of rupture from which I had suffered for fifteen years. He also healed me of heart trouble. Praise His wonderful name!—V. F. Mendes.

Healed of Rattlesnake Bite

ZEPHYRHILLS, Fla.—I have been trusting my Saviour for healing for eleven years. Praise His holy name! He has never failed me. I know He loves and takes care of me each moment. On last July 13, I was bitten on my left foot by a diamond-back rattlesnake. My youngest daughter asked me if I wanted her to take me to a doctor. I said "no," for I just wanted to pray and have faith. I knew my precious Jesus could heal me, and I am a living testimony for His sake. Some people could not believe it. I will tell His wonderful love every time I get a chance, for He is mine and I am His. Praise His holy name!—Mrs. Bertha O'Berry.

Saved and Healed Through Reading Evangel

LEESBURG, Fla. — Last summer while my husband was on his va-

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cation, we went to Georgia. I had purposed in my heart to do everything I could to help someone find the Lord while there. While packing for the trip I decided to carry some of my Evangels along and let my sister-in-law read them, for she always likes to read. I talked with her, along with others, while I was there on my visit; but it seemed my trip had been in vain. After we had been home about a week or two, I had a letter from her. She said that one day she was sick and angry at my brother for going fishing. So she decided to read something in one of the Evangels I had left. The article she read was on healing; and, as she read, these words seemed to meet her eyes, "By His stripes we are healed." After reading them over several times, she knelt and started praying. She said God came on the scene, healed her body, and saved her soul. She was not angry with her husband any more. I truly thank God for the way He worked through the Evangel.—Elizabeth Taylor.

Eyes Healed During Revival

MANHATTAN, Mont.—I had worn glasses for fifteen years. During the revival held in our church by Sister Jennie Evans I was prayed for. My eyes are healed. I praise and thank God for the miracle. God has been so good to me. He saved my soul, sanctified me and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I thank Him for many healings and the saving of my family. All I can say is "Thank you, Jesus."—Mrs. John Lees.

Man Healed of Double Pneumonia

MANHATTAN, Mont.—We had a wonderful time in Manhattan with our Sister Jennie Evans who brought us God's Word each evening. We will not forget these meetings. If every one received as much as I did from them, the Word of God will surely go forward. My husband took a deeper walk with the Lord and was healed of double pneumonia. Also, the Lord fixed his hip so that he can walk much better. I am giving God the glory for all this. Praise His holy name.—Mrs. L. B. Weaver.

Instantly Healed of Bad Heart Condition

MANHATTAN, Mont.—I was prayed for during a revival which Sister Jennie Evans conducted at our church. I had a very bad heart condition. I could not stay up for a whole day, but I had to lie down many times. I had had anemia all my life and had had to have many blood transfusions. I was healed instantly, and now I can do my work. Thanks and praises to my wonderful Jesus!—Gertle Hagerman.





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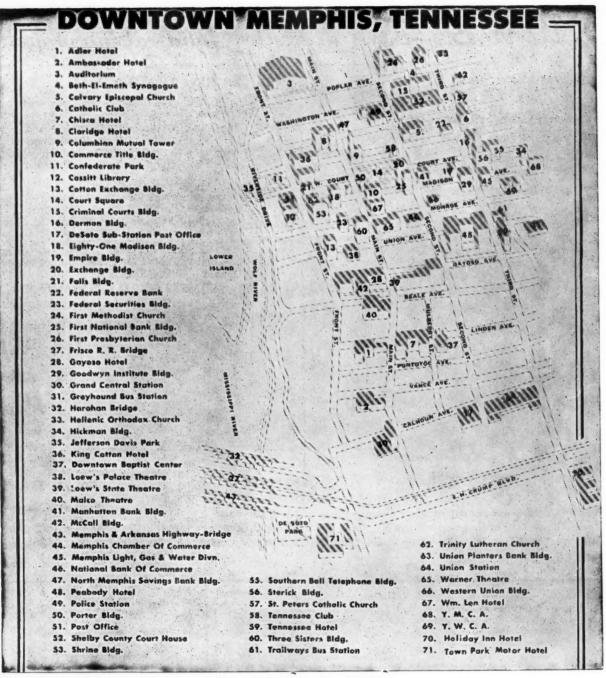
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